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**United States Patent** [19]**Ikawa et al.**[11] **Patent Number:** **6,034,507**[45] **Date of Patent:** **\*Mar. 7, 2000**[54] **ELECTRIC VEHICLE WITH SECONDARY BATTERY POWER STORAGE SYSTEM**[75] Inventors: **Kyoko Ikawa; Tatsuo Horiba**, both of Hitachi, Japan[73] Assignee: **Hitachi, Ltd.**, Tokyo, Japan

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The present invention provides a distributed secondary battery type power storage system capable of maintaining the soundness of the secondary battery and of efficient electric power charging and discharging operations. The secondary battery power storage system comprises a secondary battery connected to a load, a charge/discharge unit connectable to a power system and connected to the secondary battery, and a plurality of loads connected to the charge/discharge unit. A power receiving object is selected and a capacity is determined on the basis of information about the operating condition of the plurality of loads, and the surplus electric power remaining in the secondary battery after feeding electric power from the secondary battery to the load is fed to the selected power receiving object through the charge/discharge unit. The secondary battery power storage system is capable of maintaining the soundness of the secondary battery and of efficient charging and discharging operation.

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